BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-485-W/S - ORDER NO. 2002-261

APRIL 10, 2002

IN RE: Rule to Show Cause Request on Submeterers.

ORDER SETTING

SUBMETERING

HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for issuance of an Order on this matter. After reviewing both the Staff Petition for Rule to Show Cause and the responses thereto, we hereby grant the Petition. The Respondents in the case must show cause why they should not be regulated as a public water and/or wastewater utility under our statutes and regulations. The hearing on this matter will begin on May 29, 2002, at 2 PM in the offices of the Commission.

We have also determined that we would like to further examine the subject of submetering in general. Accordingly, notice of this proceeding will be sent to municipalities and other interested parties. In addition, we require that the Commission Staff present good and adequate testimony in the Audit, Legal, and Utilities areas. We would also be interested in testimony as to what other States are doing in the area of regulation of submetering. DHEC participation is also requested.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

William Buele

ATTEST:

Long E. Wolsh:
Executive Director

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